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INCENTIVES FOR PROSPECTIVE DEFECTORS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WHO FURNISH CERTAIN VALUABLE INFORMATION

Mr. EASTLAND. Mr. President, I introduce, for appropriate reference, a bill to provide incentives for prospective defectors from Communist countries who may come over to our side with information of value to the United States.

The bill authorizes admission of such defectors for permanent residence in this country, and also authorizes the payment of annuities to insure the ability of each such defector to maintain a decent standard of living for himself and his family. Such annuities would be adjusted to take into account income of the defector from other sources; but during the period of adjustment which would be necessary in the case of any defector, these annuities would insure the ability of the defector to maintain himself and his family in reasonable security.

Their purpose is just as I have described, to assure a prospective defector that in addition to being received as a permanent resident of the United States, he will have reasonable security for himself and his family during the difficult period of adjustment to life in a new country.

This bill is in line with recommendations which have been made by the Internal Security Subcommittee. Its enactment should do a good deal to counter Communist propaganda against defections, which has as one of its strongest points the argument that a defector, by coming over to our side, sets himself and his family adrift in an unfamiliar society with which he may not be able to cope and without any assurances that he will be able to make a living for himself and his loved ones. Often a defector has to leave all his property behind him, and in such a case it is naturally a serious problem, which he must consider, how he and his family are to get along until he can establish himself in his new surroundings.

My bill provides for administration of the program of defector awards by a Board to be composed of the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Chief of the Intelligence Branch of the Department of Defense. The Secretary of State is placed on the Board because of the possible impact of defections upon our foreign relations. The Attorney General is placed on the Board because of his supervision of immigration, and his general overall supervision of law enforcement on the Federal level. The reason for inclusion in the Board of the members connected with the intelligence services needs no explanation. It may be the Board should be expanded to include others, and this can be considered when hearings are held on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be received and appropriately referred.

The bill (S. 2131) to provide awards and other benefits to aliens supplying information with respect to Communist activities, introduced by Mr. EASTLAND, was received, read twice by its title, and re-

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